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SUBJ: KUWAIT COMPANY INVITES TENDERS FOR RECREATION AND TOURISM  
PROJECT.

1. AS PART OF KUWAIT'S RECENT INTENSE EFFORTS TO DEVELOPE  
LOCAL TOURISM AND RECREATION FACILITIES, TOURISM AND RECREATION  
PROJECTS CO. HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR DEVELOPEMENT OF FAILAKA  
ISLAND AND FOR SUPPLY OF PASSENGER BOATS TO OPERATE BETWEEN  
KUWAIT AND THE ISLAND, APPROX 18 MILES FROM MAINLAND.

2. TOURISM AND RECREATION CO. IS OWNED BY GOK AND SEVERAL  
OTHER PROMINENT LOCAL COMPANIES, IN WHICH GOK ALSO HAS SHARES.  
PROJECT WILL PROBABLY BE UNDERTAKEN AS JOINT VENTURE BY LOCAL  
CONTRACTOR WITH FOREIGN PARTNER. TENDER ANNOUNCEMENT SETS  
DEADLINE FOR OFFERS AT SEPT 1 1975 BUT DEADLINES FOR MAJOR  
PROJECTS ARE OFTEN EXTENDED IN KUWAIT, PARTICULARLY TO ALLOW  
GOOD FOREIGN FIRMS TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION AND MAKE REPLY.

3. FOLLOWING ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF PROJECTS AS PUBLISHED IN  
KUWAIT OFFICIAL GAZETTE: QUOTE: 1. THE COMPANY INVITES TENDERS  
FOR THE EXECUTION OF ITS TOURISM PROJECT IN FAILAKA ISLAND  
WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHALETS AND ANCILLARY  
BUILDINGS (SUCH AS SUPERMARKETS, RESTAURANTS, CAFETERIAS,  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS,  
DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS.

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ALTERNATIVE OFFERS USING THE PREFABRICATED ELEMENTS MAY ALSO

BE SUBMITTED. 2. THE COMPANY ALSO INVITES A TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF PASSENGER-CARRING BOATS BETWEEN RAS AL-ARDH HARBOUR AND FAILAKA ISLAND, PLUS SPARE PARTS FOR SUCH BOATS. END QUOTE.

4. TENDER DOCUMENTS ARE PURCHASED BY LOCAL CONTRACTING COMPANIES. U.S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN PROJECT SHOULD SEND LETTER TO TOURISM AND RECREATION CO. P.O. BOX 1257, SAFAT, KUWAIT, KUWAIT WITH A COPY OF LETTER TO COMMERICAL OFFICER, U.S. EMBASSY, P.O. BOX 77, KUWAIT, KUWAIT. EMBASSY WILL ASSIST U.S. FIRMS IN CONTACTING INTERESTED LOCAL CONTRACTORS.

5. REQUEST COMMERCE NOTIFY APPROPRIATE FIRMS.

6. COMMENT: DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATION AND TOURISM IN KUWAIT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITH NO VISIBLE ACTION. NOW LOCAL PAPERS ALMOST DAILY CARRY STORIES ON THESE THEMES AND SEVERAL PROJECTS ARE PLANNED OR UNDERWAY.  
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